

**National Park Service  
Status Report on Katrina's Impact on Cultural Resources  
Gathered by NPS Cultural Resources Staff  
9/13/2005**

**Note:** This information supplements status reports provided on the following web sites:

InsideNPS

<http://www.inside.nps.gov/>

American Association of Museums

<http://www.aam-us.org/aamlatest/news/HurricaneFirstReports.cfm>

Heritage Preservation

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/>

American Library Association

[http://www.ala.org/al\\_onlineTemplate.cfm?Section=alonline&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=103278](http://www.ala.org/al_onlineTemplate.cfm?Section=alonline&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=103278)

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Location	Institution or Site	Status	Rpt. Date	Source	Contact for more information
<b>AL</b>					
Pickensville	Montgomery, Corps of Engineers	(NHL sternwheel snagboat), no damage	9/1/05	Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program 202-354-2260 Kevin_Foster@nps.gov	
<b>FL</b>					
Dry Tortugas National Park	Dry Tortugas National Park	Historic cannon "sand blasted," removing protective coating down to primer, flash rusting.	8/31/05; Update 9/12/05;	Allen Bohnert, Chief, Museum Services, Southeast Region, NPS 404-562-3117 x 665	Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection

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		<p>Conservation team to provide emergency stabilization treatment 9/19-26/05.</p> <p>Fort Jefferson: Curtain Wall lost 500 sq. ft. of brickwork, adjacent to area that had previously failed. Moat wall (seawall) had minor loss of 10 lf. of brick coping. Dredging moat to remove 400 yards of sand.</p>	9/13/05	<p><a href="mailto:allen_bohnert@nps.gov">allen_bohnert@nps.gov</a></p> <p>Nancy Russell, Curator South Florida Collection Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 <a href="mailto:Nancy_Russell@nps.gov">Nancy_Russell@nps.gov</a></p> <p>Ross Hunt, Exhibit Specialist (Structures) Dry Tortugas National Park 305-294-8543 <a href="mailto:Ross_Hunt@nps.gov">Ross_Hunt@nps.gov</a></p>	<p>Management Center Everglades National Park phone 305-242-7826 fax 305-242-7836 <a href="mailto:Nancy_Russell@nps.gov">Nancy_Russell@nps.gov</a></p> <p>Ross Hunt, Exhibit Specialist (Structures) Dry Tortugas National Park 305-294-8543 <a href="mailto:Ross_Hunt@nps.gov">Ross_Hunt@nps.gov</a></p>
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Chandeleur Islands	Chandeleur lighthouse, Breton National Wildlife Refuge	Chandeleur lighthouse (formerly active US Coast Guard lighthouse) not visible from aerial photos, presumed destroyed	9/6/05	Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program 202-354-2260 <a href="mailto:Kevin_Foster@nps.gov">Kevin_Foster@nps.gov</a>	
New Orleans	<i>Delta Queen</i> (Delta Queen Steamboat Company)	(NHL sternwheel passenger river boat) No damage, was cruising well upriver. Will operate out of Memphis for now.	9/1/05; Update 9/6/05	Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program 202-354-2260 <a href="mailto:Kevin_Foster@nps.gov">Kevin_Foster@nps.gov</a>	See <a href="http://www.deltaqueen.com">http://www.deltaqueen.com</a>
New Orleans	New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park	Visitor Center in the French Quarter at 916 N. Peters has been inspected. It is dry.	9/5/05	Sara Wolf, NPS National Incident Management Team, <a href="mailto:sara_wolf@nps.gov">sara_wolf@nps.gov</a>	same
New Orleans	Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve (French Quarter, 419 Decatur	Site has been inspected. The roof of the structure suffered some damage, but is solid and secure. The structure and contents are dry and the collections have no mold. Collections are being moved to	9/5/05; Update 9/9/05; 9/13/05	<p>Sara Wolf, NPS National Incident Management Team, <a href="mailto:sara_wolf@nps.gov">sara_wolf@nps.gov</a></p> <p>Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team,</p>	same

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	Street visitor center, headquarters, collections storage)	temporary storage at Natchez National Historical Park.		661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748	
New Orleans	Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve (Barataria Preserve)	The general condition of the buildings is good. Heavy wind damage to many trees.	9/5/05	Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team, 661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748	
New Orleans	Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve (Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery)	Structures and cemetery are flooded and extensively damaged; flood waters are a bio-hazard. Nineteen high priority museum objects have been retrieved from flooded visitor center exhibits and sent to Springfield Armory conservator for treatment. Objects include muskets, swords, medallions, pistols.	9/9/05; Update 9/13/05	Sara Wolf, NPS National Incident Management Team, <a href="mailto:sara_wolf@nps.gov">sara_wolf@nps.gov</a>  Debbie Santiago, NPS National Incident Management Team, 661-332-1754, fax 623-321-1748	
New Orleans	Longue Vue	Major tree damage; house dry but high RH; no collections were flooded; concerns re: mold.	9/11/05	Alan Z. Aiches Historic Preservation Specialist Museum Collections Liaison FEMA Joint Field Office – 1603-DR-LA Baton Rouge, LA 70802 225-376-5146 202-365-1697 (mobile) <a href="mailto:alan.aiches@dhs.gov">alan.aiches@dhs.gov</a>	same
New Orleans	New Canal Light (US Coast Guard, active)	(at entrance to Lake Ponchartrain) From photos appears to be knocked off foundation	9/1/05	Kevin Foster, NPS Maritime Heritage Program 202-354-2260 <a href="mailto:Kevin_Foster@nps.gov">Kevin_Foster@nps.gov</a>	

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Biloxi	Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library	Home: Aerial photo shows holes torn in slate roof and galleries (porches) missing. Library: Built to withstand category 5 hurricane; first floor washed out by storm surge. Portraits salvaged after event additional recovery of artifacts begun. Historic library pavilion, Hayes cottage, Soldier's Home Barracks replica, Confederate Soldier's Museum, Giftshop, and director's home destroyed. Replicas of destroyed buildings will be built after restoration of Beauvoir and Presidential Library.	9/1/05; Update 9/13/05	Ken P'Pool, Dept. of Historic Preservation, Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History Phone: 601-576-6940 Fax: 601-576-6955 E-mail: <a href="mailto:kppool@mdah.state.ms.us">kppool@mdah.state.ms.us</a>  David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220  See <a href="http://www.beauvoir.org">http://www.beauvoir.org</a>	Same; see AAM website; See photos <a href="http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html">http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html</a> ; hear NPR news report at <a href="http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4835721">http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4835721</a>  See <a href="http://www.beauvoir.org">http://www.beauvoir.org</a>
Biloxi	Breilmaier House (c. 1895)	Destroyed	9/6/05	David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220	Same; See photos <a href="http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html">http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html</a>
Biloxi	Biloxi Cemetery	Many trees uprooted; markers broken.	9/7/05	David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220	Same; See photos <a href="http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html">http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html</a>
Biloxi	Dantzler House	Destroyed	9/6/05	David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220	Same; See photos <a href="http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html">http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html</a>
Biloxi	Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum	A portion of the building remains. Some artifacts salvaged, including lens from Ship Island lighthouse.	9/6/05	John Linn Hopkins Hopkins & Assoc Preservation Consultants Memphis, TN 38104 901-278-5186; fax: 901-726-5993	Robin Krohn, museum staff, cell 228-380-2915
Biloxi	Ohr-O'Keefe	Aerial photo shows two of five	9/5/05	John Linn Hopkins	See AAM website. See photos

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	Museum of Art	buildings in new museum complex left (JLH). Pleasant Reed House destroyed (DP).	(JLH) 9/6/05 (DP)	Hopkins & Assoc Preservation Consultants Memphis, TN 38104 901-278-5186; fax: 901-726-5993 David Preziosi, Exec. Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust, 601-354-0200, fax: 601-354-0220	<a href="http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html">http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html</a>
	Tullis-Toledano Manor	Aerial photo shows Tullis-Toledano House (c. 1860) destroyed (under the displaced casino barge); Tullis Slave Quarters (c. 1860) destroyed; Crawford House (c. 1850) destroyed	9/5/05	John Linn Hopkins Hopkins & Assoc Preservation Consultants Memphis, TN 38104 901-278-5186; fax: 901-726-5993	See photos <a href="http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html">http://www.mississippiheritage.com/HurricaneKatrina.html</a>
Jackson	Old Capitol Museum of Mississippi History (state historical museum)	Lost half of roof, 6,000 items in collection quickly relocated, little serious damage to collections. Roof replacement scheduled to begin 8/31	8/31/05	Ken P'Pool, Dept. of Historic Preservation, Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History Phone: 601-576-6940 Fax: 601-576-6955 E-mail: <a href="mailto:kppool@mdah.state.ms.us">kppool@mdah.state.ms.us</a>	same
Natchez	Natchez National Historical Park	At Melrose a backup generator supplied continuous power to the furnished exhibits in the mansion; the separate collections storage facility lost power, but it was restored within 36 hours. William Johnson House lost power only for two hours. No known collections damage.	9/7/05; Update 9/9/05	Kathleen Jenkins Chief of Resource Management, Natchez NHP 601-442-1431; fax: 601-445-0873; <a href="mailto:Kathleen_jenkins@nps.gov">Kathleen_jenkins@nps.gov</a>	same
Ocean Springs	Gulf Islands National	Storm surge flooded exhibits & museum collections at Davis	9/8/05	Roxanne Sellers Cultural Resources, Gulf Islands	same

